

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Mamoru NAKASUJI et al.**

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For: **AN ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS AND A DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD BY USING SAID ELECTRON BEAM  
APPARATUS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.